ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Captain Shannon K. Paulson

From: Mayor Eric Garcetti EG

Subject: City Flags at Half-Staff

Date: January 26, 2020

I am requesting all City flags be lowered to half-staff immediately in honor of Kobe Bryant, Gianna Bryant, and all of the victims in today's tragic helicopter crash.

Kobe Bryant was a giant who inspired, amazed, and thrilled people everywhere with his incomparable skill on the court — and awed us with his intellect and humility as a father, husband, creative genius, and ambassador for the game he loved. He will live forever in the heart of Los Angeles, and will be remembered through the ages as one of our greatest heroes. This is a moment that leaves us struggling to find words that express the magnitude of shock and sorrow we are all feeling right now, and I am keeping Kobe's entire family in my prayers at this time of unimaginable grief.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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cc: The Honorable Members of the City Council
The Honorable Mike Feuer, City Attorney
The Honorable Ron Galperin, Controller
Ralph Terrazas, Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department
Michel Moore, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department